

**STATE OF ARKANSAS**  
**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT**

**PROCLAMATION**

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Audiologists and speech language pathologists in Arkansas observe and celebrate Better Hearing and Speech month each year during the month of May; and

WHEREAS: Arkansas recognizes and values the efforts of all who work to eliminate or minimize the isolating efforts of communication disorders in the one in 10 families affected by them; and

WHEREAS: Those citizens of Arkansas who have overcome their communication disabilities through the services of dedicated audiologists and speech language pathologists should be recognized; and

WHEREAS: Audiology and speech language pathology services throughout our nation help to enable and empower individuals with communication disorders to lead independent, productive, and fulfilling lives; and

WHEREAS: Arkansas is proud and honored to have over 1800 audiologists and speech language pathologists offering quality education and health services to its citizens;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ASA HUTCHINSON, Governor of the State of Arkansas, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws of the State of Arkansas, do hereby proclaim the month of May, 2016, as

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across the State, and I encourage all citizens to recognize the achievements of audiologists and speech-language pathologists in improving the quality of life for people living with communication disorders.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of March, in the year of our Lord 2016.



Asa Hutchinson, Governor



Mark Martin, Secretary Of State